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Prayer breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is Friday from 7 - 8:30 a.m. at Hangar 1045. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Chad Hennings, an A-10 pilot and former Dallas Cowboys football player will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 6-4370.

Quotable quote

"All the technology in the world is useless if we don't have good leadership and a team that can work well together. For example, 55 percent of the (Air Force's) aircraft refueling missions serviced Navy aircraft. Carrier airpower could not be effective without the long-range tanking mission. The teaming relationship has been really wonderful. In fact, it is the best I've seen."

~ Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force

Team Sheppard members honor vets

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear

Base public affairs

"Happy Valentines Day!" is not something most of the men and women in Bonham Regional Veterans Center usually hear. But on Saturday, members of Team Sheppard surprised many of our country's heroes by delivering cards, conversation and patriotic songs to veterans during the annual "Valentines for Veterans" program.

Col. Joe Harrison, 82nd Training Wing vice commander, represented Team Sheppard during the event, "During my stay at Sheppard, this is probably one of the high-points. When you realize that some of these men and women look forward to this all year and can't wait to see us—it's all worth it."

Valentine's Day cards were made by area elementary schools and delivered by Team Sheppard members and a group of volunteer students. Tech. Sgt. Anthony Blassingame, 82nd Training Support Squadron brought the Sheppard Blue Falcon choral group, which performed a set of songs that moved the crowd of veterans and staff to a loud applause.

Throughout the day many of the vet-



Col. Joe Harrison and his wife Cynthia speak to a veteran at the Bonham Regional Veterans Center Saturday during Sheppard's Valentines for Vets outreach. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)

erans shouted, "I remember you!" and "Thank you!" as volunteers approached. Many of the 350 veterans at Bonham Veterans Center could not

leave their rooms, so students spread out throughout the building and went to their bedsides.

"It's tough to leave. I wish we could have stayed longer," said Tech. Sgt. Blassingame, "It's really an honor to be able to give back something to those that helped keep America strong."

Donna Earnest, director of volunteer services at Bonham Regional Veterans Center helped to organize the event. "Members of Sheppard are always welcome to come and visit. It's fun for these vets to hang out with people who are a part of their military culture. You speak the same language and have a shared history. It means a lot to them to see you."

For any unit that would like to adopt a local veterans center, public affairs has a list of local centers and points of contact. Call 6-7249.

AETC vice commander gives views on success

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs

AETC public affairs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Using the example of an American hero in attendance, the vice commander of Air Education and Training Command talked about the value of role models and education during a Black History Month commemoration Feb. 8 at a high school here.

Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr. cited the accomplishments of retired Lt. Col. Lee Archer and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen to tell the audience of about 500 high school students that nothing should keep

them from fulfilling their dreams.

Despite the prejudice they endured, the Tuskegee aviators of the all-black World War II fighter unit achieved unprecedented results, such as never losing a bomber under their escort during the war. Archer also earned notoriety as being the only Tuskegee ace with five confirmed enemy shoot-downs.

"Even though it was disguised as a chance to show that African-Americans could not fly airplanes, Colonel Archer and many of his friends proved themselves not only as great Americans, but

as great American aviators," General Hopper said.

General Hopper urged the students to choose role models who can serve as positive examples for them to follow.

"Almost 40 years ago, I sat just about where all of you sit right now," he said. "I was going to high school in Clarksville, which in those days was still pretty much a segregated school. All of my classmates were African-American, and we



Brig. Gen. Michael Collings
82nd Training Wing
commander

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have. I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard AFB a better place to live, work and play. Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 676-2000, or send an e-mail to action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number. Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.
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looked like a town hall meeting. I saw an Air Force officer in uniform at this meeting. I was just concerned about this being a civilian meeting and him being there in his uniform. I don't know what the regulation states about that. It looked like a legal question about a zoning issue with his private home.

AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, Table 1.3, dictates the uniform will not be worn while participating in public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches or rallies, or in any public demonstration where the Air Force sanction of the cause for which the activity is conducted may be implied. Additionally, personnel will not wear their uniform to further political activities, private employment, or commercial interest.

From the information you provided, it sounds as though the individual was looking into a personal matter, rather than speaking about or participating in a political ideology, which might give the appearance of Air Force endorsement. However, I would urge all members to use discretion when appearing

in any public forum and, if in doubt, err on the side of caution and wear civilian clothes.

IDEA office kudos

I'm writing to let you know about the wonderful service and help I received from Sam Graham at the IDEA office. I had an approved IDEA in at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, and hadn't received payment. I'm currently stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla, and came to Sheppard TDY on Jan. 7. I found I was unable to check my IDEA status at the library because I couldn't get on to the IDEA secured web site. I called the IDEA office just to see if I could come and use the computer to access the IPDS web site. Mr. Graham not only accessed the web site for me over the phone, he also told me what the status of my IDEA was.

It's good to know that TDY personnel get treated with the same superb service that someone stationed at Sheppard would. Please pass on to Mr. Graham my thanks for his dedication to his work and his interest in my IDEA. Thanks for your time.

Off-base uniform appearance

Q I was channel surfing and happened to see something that

Achievers

Congratulations to the following individuals, recognized as the 82nd Training Wing quarterly award winners for Oct. - Dec 2001.
Junior enlisted: Senior Airman Luis Gonzalez, 82nd Medical Group.

Noncommissioned officer: Staff Sgt. Erich Wrobel, 982nd Training Group.
Senior noncommissioned officer: Master Sgt. Bionca Dean, 82nd Medical Group.
Company grade officer: Capt. Carmia Sykes, 882nd

Training Group.
Civilian, GS-8 and below: Mrs. Phylis Danielson, 82nd Training Wing staff agencies.
Civilian, GS-9 and above: Mr. Steven Cyrus, 82nd Support Group.
Civilian, Wage Grade: Mrs.

Sherita Williams, 82nd Medical Group.
Civilian, Wage Grade supervisor: Mr. Rulon Pitcher, 82nd Logistics Group.
Honor Guard Airman: Senior Airman Daniel Phillips, 82nd Support Group.

Honor Guard noncommissioned officer: Technical Sgt. Allen Wilson, 82nd Training Group.
The nominees and winners were honored during the wing quarterly awards luncheon on Jan. 24.

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Sheppard white ropes assist chapel, local community

By Airman 1st Class
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Base public affairs

While most people at Sheppard have seen technical training students wearing different colored ropes around their left shoulders, some might not know what those ropes signify. As opposed to red, yellow or green ropes, which designate student leaders, white ropes identify students as chapel leaders.

The white rope program is a volunteer program in which students attend weekly meetings, perform community service work, assist with chapel services and activities and serve as liaisons between the chaplains and other students in their squadrons. About 150 students participate in the program, which is open to students of all faiths.

"I think it's a very beneficial program," said Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Schulze, 82nd Training Wing chaplain. "It gives students a way to make a positive difference during their time here."

During base religious services, white ropes serve as ushers and greeters, pass out bulletins and help with setup between services. They also participate in Solid Rock Cafe, an event held every Saturday at 5 p.m. at the South Chapel where students can hear bands play, enjoy food and fellowship and learn through inter-faith studies.

Aside from participating in chapel programs, white ropes also do volunteer work on and off base. On base, white ropes help out at the youth center Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. They mentor the children and help with the youth programs.

Off base, white ropes volunteer at the Humane Society helping to groom and take care



Sheppard's chapel ropes, or white ropes, enjoy their Valentine's Day appreciation banquet hosted by the base chapel. The white ropes assist with religious services on base, perform community service and act as liaisons between other technical training students and the chaplains. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton)

of the dogs there. They also volunteer at Whispers of Hope Horse Park, which gives horse rides to disadvantaged and handicapped children.

White ropes have also done work for causes such as Christmas in April, providing home improvement work for those in need. Last year, Sheppard's white ropes rebuilt a local woman's back porch and repainted the entire exterior of her home, along with other minor repairs.

Another thing white ropes do is assist the chaplains by getting the word out about chapel activities to other students in their squadrons and helping chaplains recognize other airman who may need help dealing with personal issues. "There are so many students and so few chaplains that it's hard to know what's

going on with every one of them. We rely on the white ropes to be our eyes and ears within the dorms and to be someone other students can talk to," said Chaplain Schulze.

In order to become a white rope, a student must complete 12 hours of community service. The student must also attend four weekly meetings and be recommended by a military training leader or instructor.

After completing these requirements, a student is allowed to "rope up," or officially put on the white rope in a special ceremony conducted during a weekly meeting.

In order to keep their status as a white rope, students must maintain an 80 percent average in their technical training course, complete three hours of volunteer service per

week and miss no more than two meetings.

Each technical training squadron has a head squadron rope and there is one head base rope.

The head base rope leads the weekly white rope meetings every Tuesday. Airman 1st Class Robin Gill, 82nd Training Wing chaplain's assistant, helps Chaplain Schulze by handling the logistics of the meetings.

Just as students "rope up" during the meetings, they also "rope down" when they are about to leave Sheppard and head to their first duty station. During their "roping down" ceremony, students are given the opportunity to express what the program meant to them.

"When they share their thoughts on the program, it pro-

vides encouragement for some of the new students who are in training to become a rope," said Chaplain Schulze. "They might be having trouble keeping their grades up or completing their service hours, but hearing the other students' stories keeps them going."

"Students become white ropes for all different reasons," said Chaplain Schulze. "Some want to serve God, others want something to keep them on the straight and narrow and for others, who may have been involved in churches in their hometowns, it's a touch of home. Whatever the reason for joining, I think the white rope program provides a safe environment for students to belong to a group of people with similar values and interests as their own."



Safety day

Brig. Gen. Michael Collings (left), 82nd Training Wing commander, conducts a safety day presentation Feb. 8 in Hangar 1045 for members of the 82nd TRW. (Photo by Tom Steele) Col. Ralph Jodice (below), 80th Flying Training Wing commander, briefs Team ENJJPT about safety issues Tuesday in the base theater. (Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller) Both wing commanders took the opportunity to stress important Air Force safety messages, and to remind people that safety must remain on everyone's radar scope at all times.

CSAF, AETC commander direct safety down day

By Capt. Christa D'Andrea
AETC public affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — As a result of a sharp increase in safety mishaps recently, the Air Force chief of staff has directed all units to take a safety stand-down day no later than Feb. 15.

In the past two weeks, the Air Force has lost eight people in five off-duty vehicle mishaps. That makes 20 off-duty deaths resulting from vehicle accidents since the start of the fiscal year.

"It's not the first time we've seen our flight and ground mishaps go up as our tempo increases but it's time to pause and focus," said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. "We're at one of those points when it's appropriate to step back, assess our health from a safety perspective and then carry on with the work our na-

tion is counting on us to complete."

Air Education and Training Command has also had its share of recent mishaps and fatalities. Since the start of the fiscal year, AETC people have been involved in 30 vehicle accidents, 10 of which involved motorcyclists. Four AETC members lost their lives in vehicle accidents and two others died in a T-37 aircraft crash.

"This is our worst start in the last 10 years," said Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander. "These losses place an enormous strain on the member's family and seriously degrade our units' readiness."

In most of the ground mishap incidents, General Cook said people appear to have been driving in excess of posted speed limits or were driving faster than what was safe for road conditions.

"In these mishaps, our AETC members had complete control over the mishap sequence. Had they used better risk management decisions, the mishap would have been prevented," General Cook said. "Allowing this adverse trend to continue is unacceptable and must be stopped by immediate and proactive intervention at all levels."

The safety down day is at the discretion of each AETC installation commander, as long as the event takes place prior to Feb. 15. It is an opportunity to refocus and reiterate the importance of safety and sharpen personal risk management skills — the process of identifying hazards associated with an activity and taking the appropriate action to prevent a mishap from occurring, officials said.

"If our personnel extend personal risk management in their on- and off-duty activities, we



could prevent reoccurrence of these tragic mishaps," General Cook emphasized. "We must make a personal commitment to take care of each other, to accept responsibility for yourself,

to take care of your buddy and mentor the personnel under your supervision in their (risk-management) skills. With this approach, I am confident we will work through our challenges."

Base tax office

The base tax center, located in Bldg. 402, Room 154 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist Sheppard members with their taxes. Appointments are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. To make an appointment, call 6-7187.

Enlisted Spouses Club scholarships

The Enlisted Spouses Club is offering scholarships to qualified high school seniors and spouses of all military members. The club offers six

\$1000 scholarship to high school seniors and six \$500 scholarships to spouses. For an application, contact a high school counselor or go to the base education office. The deadline for submissions is March 23. An awards banquet will be held to recognize the winners on April 18 at the enlisted club. For more information, contact Sharon Klepp at 851-9936 or Beth Moret at 569-3812.

Officers spouses club luncheon

The Sheppard Officers Spouses Club will hold its Feb-

ruary luncheon at the officers club on Feb. 20. The social will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a special farewell to Jan Collings and bracelet making demonstration by Friendze. Guests can make a bracelet for \$8. The cost for lunch is \$10.50. Reservations are required by noon, Feb. 15 to Laura Howard at 851-6682 or Betsy O'Connor at 691-7542.

Bioenvironmental closing

The bioenvironmental engineering office will be closed for required training Feb. 20, 26 and 27. For emergency

services, call 6-4169 and enter beeper number 422 or call the emergency room at 6-2333.

Commissary warehouse sale

The commissary will hold a warehouse sale today and Saturday. Special savings will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Numerous items will be discounted.

Commissary hours

The commissary hours for Presidents Day will be as follows: Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, closed; Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Transportation complaints

Transportation's goal is to provide quality service to all CTO customers. CTO is operated under a civilian contract and is monitored for quality of service under the Customer Complaint Program. Those whose travel needs (including air, bus, limo, auto rentals, and hotel) are not handled promptly and courteously should use AF Form 714, Customer Complaint Record, to voice complaints, or call 6-6362 or 6-7153 to address the problem.

Vance hit with ice storm; Sheppard there to restore power

What many are calling the worst ice storm to hit the Enid, Okla., area in 100 years, slammed into Vance Air Force Base Jan. 30.

The ice storm started Jan. 29 around 8 p.m. and lasted 24 hours, said 1st Lt. John Sandifer, weather operations flight commander at Vance. The storm dropped about 3 inches of freezing rain and covered trees, houses and automobiles with up to 4 inches of ice.

"We were expecting freezing rain," said Lieutenant Sandifer, "but we were only expecting about an inch or so. The rain just kept coming."

The weight of the ice tore down trees and power lines,

knocking out electricity on the entire base and in the local community. According to John Cole, Vance's civil engineer director, about 70 miles of the transmission line that feeds electricity to Vance was knocked out.

The initial base response focused on taking care of the 4,000 people directly affected by the crisis, and members of the Vance team rallied together, said Col. Doug Raaberg, 71st Flying Training Wing commander.

"After the storm hit we lost complete base power, including base housing and the dorms," said Col. Raaberg. "Our number one priority was to care for our people. Our training paid off. We im-

mediately initiated an ATSO (Ability to Survive and Operate) focus to secure food, shelter and heat for Team Vance. In turn, we accomplished a full accounting for everyone and their family."

The people of Vance were not alone in their recovery efforts, the commander said.

"Headquarters Air Education and Training Command was our greatest ally to muster the resources we needed from Altus AFB, Okla., Sheppard AFB, and McConnell AFB, Kan.," said Col. Raaberg. "We can't thank them enough for their prompt response in this emergency."

That response included a Sheppard team with genera-



Numerous trees and power lines were damaged at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., when an ice storm struck the base Jan. 30. (Photo by Kent Cummins)

tors that helped restore power to the housing area. Altus provided additional generators and 200 cots and sleeping bags for a temporary shelter at the fitness

center.

The Sheppard team, which included seven people and four 200-kilowatt generators,



Giving blood

Angela Muldrow, American Red Cross team leader, explains the blood donation process to Airman 1st Class Misty Lowe, 364th Training Squadron student. In an attempt to take the Texas record for the most units of blood donated in a single day back from the 361st Training Squadron, the 364th Training Squadron held a blood drive Monday in Hangar 1010. The squadron's Basic Officer's Finance Course students, along with the American Red Cross, organized the event. The squadron attempted to break the record of 318 units, set by the 361st TRS on Jan. 28. The 364th TRS fell just short of their goal, collecting 305 units. The afternoon sun streaming through the hangar's large windows made conditions too warm to continue the blood drive. Anyone on base who wants to give blood can do so on the second and fourth Thursday of every month in the student center. *(Photo by Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton)*

Base leadership outlines tobacco use policies on base

AFI 40-102, *Tobacco Use in the Air Force*; AETC/CC Policy Letter; and AETC Supplement to AFI 40-102 are quite clear on the use of tobacco products. In a nutshell, smoking by military and civilian personnel is prohibited in government vehicles, facility entryways, and all government facilities, with the exception of government housing and certain services facilities. In addition, military members may not use smokeless tobacco products in any of the prohibited areas.

By the terms of the labor agreement negotiated with American Federation of Government Employees Locals 779 and 1731, civilian employees may use smokeless tobacco products, but may not spit such tobacco products while in these restricted areas. All designated tobacco use areas on base are at least 15 feet from all facility entryways, service doors and air in-take systems, with the exception of the pre-existing TUAs located at Bldgs. 1360 and 2320.

Butt receptacles located by doorways are not "gathering places" and are placed there only for immediate disposal of smoking materials of walk-up visiting customers to prevent cigarette littering. These receptacles are also clearly marked as "Nonsmoking Area" or "No Smoking." This includes receptacles located by business-oriented government facilities like the base exchange, the mini-mall, the commissary and the base theater. Certain services recreational facilities (not oriented for children) do have TUAs separate from non-tobacco-use areas, specifically, the clubs and bowling centers. However, they also will be tobacco-free areas by November, 2002.

Due to Sheppard's technical training mission, there are additional restrictions on tobacco usage. Students, with the ex-

ception of international students, are prohibited from using tobacco products in a professional military education or formal training school, to include 7-level training, during school duty hours. ENJJPT international students and instructors may use tobacco products in accordance with the 80th Flying Training Wing commander's policy letter. Military instructors cannot use tobacco products within "eye sight" or in the proximity of students.

The recently signed Tobacco Use Policy Agreement between AFGE Locals 779 and 1731 and Sheppard, outlines prohibitions, exempted areas, special rules for

tobacco use in student areas, and attendance at tobacco cessation classes for civilian personnel. Specifically, civilian employees are highly encouraged not to smoke in the presence of students or in student areas and have the opportunity to attend a tobacco cessation class without being charged leave time.

Tobacco cessation classes are available for all personnel (military members and their family members, retirees and civilian employees) who desire a cessation program. Classes are held at the health and wellness center. Those interested can call Sarah Nichols at 6-3026 or e-mail her at

sarah.nichols@sheppard.af.mil.

Class consists of four sessions, and uses various prescription medications to decrease nicotine dependency. All medications are directed by a physician. For civilian personnel, the class is available for a one-time attendance opportunity without being charged leave time, but the cost of medications is at employee expense.

Everyone on base is responsible for following these governing directives, policy letters and agreements, and for enforcing these standards to make Sheppard a better place to work, live and play. (Courtesy of Lt. Col. Catherine Duncan)



A permanent-party airman smokes a cigarette in one of the base's many designated tobacco use areas. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)



Team Bowl

Jonathan Hicks, Daniel Hill, and Desiree Griffith of the Protestant Youth of the Chapel compete in the Team Bowl, a competition that tests knowledge of African-American history, at the community center Saturday. Teams from local middle schools competed in the bowl with the team from W. F. George Middle School taking home top honors. Brig. Gen. Michael Collings, 82nd Training Wing commander, addressed the teens and the audience before the competition. *(Photo by Tom Steele)*

Safety recalls are serious business

Of the tens of thousands of products available to consumers, some are bound to be defective or dangerous. Companies are required to notify consumers and the appropriate agencies when it's found that their products could endanger the lives of others. There are three agencies that are the points of contact for recalled items: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Viewing their web sites can assist anyone in identifying products that may pose a hazard to them or their family.

Contact information

The largest and most commonly used agency for recalls is the CPSC. The CPSC has jurisdiction over about 15,000 types of consumer products from coffee makers to toys, lawn mowers, fireworks, etc. People can be notified by e-mail about recalled products.

The CPSC can be contacted at www.cpsc.gov, or at 1-800-638-2772.

Food, drug and cosmetic



recalls fall under the jurisdiction of the FDA. People may also be notified by e-mail about recalls from this site. The FDA can be contacted at www.fda.gov.

Or call 1-800-INFOFDA.

Automobile, truck and motorcycle recalls fall under NHTSA. Contact them at http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recall_links.cfm. Or call 1-800-DASH2DOT.

(Courtesy of the 82nd Training Wing Safety Office)

Soundoff

What are you planning for your spring vacation?



"Spend time with my children...and hopefully take a trip with my fiancée on our Honda Goldwing!"

— Tech. Sgt. Lisa Lloyd,
82nd Mission Support
Squadron customer service



"I'm planning on working out hard to get ready for my next assignment...as a TI! And I'd like to spend as much time as I can with my new baby."

— Staff Sgt. Chris Morris,
82nd Mission Support
Squadron customer service



"Going to Canada to go fishing over Memorial Day...it's a family tradition I haven't had a chance to be in for five years."

— Airman 1st Class Tony
Henderson, 366th Training
Squadron student



"I'll probably go home and visit my family."

— Airman Kimberly
Leigh, 383rd Training
Squadron student



"I'll probably stay local...a trip to the riverwalk in San Antonio or 'Cowtown' in Fort Worth"

— Becky Haynes, stu-
dent finance office



Sheppard honors 5-year-old hero

Devin Delaney, son of 2Lt. George and Tanja Delaney, called 911 last week because his mom was sick. He, in fact, saved her life. As a result, the base fire department and base leadership thought Devin should be recognized for properly using the 911 system, because it's not often that they get a legitimate call from someone so young. Deputy Fire Chief, Randy Hammon, and Sparky the Fire Dog presented Devin with a plaque, and Col. Joe Harrison, vice commander, 82nd Training Wing, presented Devin with gifts donated by the base exchange. Finally, to conclude the ceremony at his home, Devin got to climb on the fire truck. (Photos by Laura McGowan)

General activities

AETC Cupid's Cruise Contest

The Cupid's Caribbean Cruise Contest provides AETC club members with the opportunity to win a Caribbean cruise and register to win \$100 each Friday through Feb. 28.

Current AETC club members can receive an entry form from any club cashier with a minimum \$2 individual food purchase. For more information and club rules, call 6-6460 or 6-2083.

Computer class

The Madrigal Youth Center is hosting a special computer course for its members. Basic computer to Microsoft Windows 2000 is available. Classes are held every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. Limited space is available. For more information, call 6-KIDS.

African-American History Month story time

The base library will celebrate African-American History Month every Tuesday in February from 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Wichita Falls and Burkburnett Elementary school students will share story time with members of the African-American Heritage Committee. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 6-6152.

African-American film festival

The 882nd Training Support Squadron will host a film festival in honor of African-American History Month.

Featured films include: *America's Black Warriors: Two Wars to Win* today, and *Biography of Colin Powell: A Soldier's Campaign*, Feb. 22. Both shows begin at 11:30 a.m. in the small auditorium of Bldg. 1900.

Tax Seminar

The base library will host a tax seminar Feb. 28 from 7-8 p.m. The

seminar is sponsored by Liberty Tax Service (*no federal endorsement of sponsor intended*). For more information, call 6-6152.

Upcoming trips

Sightseeing in Dallas

Information, tickets and tours will sponsor a Feb. 23 trip to Dallas for sightseeing. The cost is \$15 per person. This tour provides transportation services only to the Downtown Dallas area. Participants will have free time to explore the historic West End. The registration deadline is Feb. 19.

Club activities

Lunch at the e-club

The enlisted club now serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The menu includes a food bar, grill specials and healthy heart options. For more information, call 6-2083.

Big Bucks Club Card drawings

Sheppard officers club and enlisted club members are now eligible for the Big Bucks Club Card drawings held every Friday from 6-7 p.m. at both clubs.

Latino Night/limbo contest

The enlisted club will host Latino Night Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The night will feature a variety of Latino music, along with a limbo contest. For more information, call 6-2083.

Symphony at the officers club

The officers club invites all ranks to enjoy an evening with the symphony March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served followed by a bus ride to the symphony. The cost is \$45 per person or \$75 per couple. Those interested must RSVP by March 4. For more information, call 6-6460.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Ali

Friday 9 p.m.

Lord of the Rings

Saturday 2 p.m.

A Beautiful Mind

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Ali

Saturday 7 p.m.

Lord of the Rings

Sunday 2 p.m.

Lord of the Rings

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Ali

Thursday 6 p.m.

Ali

This schedule is subject to change without notice. For movie information, call 6-4427.

Ali (R) – Will Smith, Jamie Foxx – With wit and athletic genius, with defiant rage and inner grace, Muhammad Ali forever changed the American landscape.

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) – Russell Crowe, Ed Harris – In 1947, mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. made an astonishing discovery early in life and

stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his ascent into the intellectual stratosphere drastically changed course when his intuitive brilliance was undermined by schizophrenia.

Lord of the Rings (PG-13) – Elijah Wood, Bill Boyd – Frodo battles against the Dark Lord, Sauron to save Middle-earth from the grip of evil.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel
Saturday, 5 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel
Sunday, 5 p.m., Student bible study and activity night, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel
Sunday, noon, North Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., Hospital Chapel

Religious education

Sunday, 10:20 a.m., classes for preschool through adult, Bldg. 962

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Sunday, 9 a.m., Liturgical Communion, South Chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community

Service, North Chapel

Religious education

Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Growing in God's Grace, South Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., South Chapel
Thursday, noon, South Chapel
Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962
Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study
Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 12:45 p.m., South Chapel
Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177
Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel
Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 962.

For more information, call the base chapel at 6- 4370

Base fire department provides safety tips for burning candles at home

By Randy Hamman

Base fire department

Another month has gone by with four reportable fires within Air Education and Training Command. Three of the four fires were caused by carelessness in the home. Two involved the use of candles, and the other involved cooking. Everyone should be careful, as fire holds no grudges and is not prejudiced. Its only goal seems to be to destroy as much property and lives as possible. The following information will help Team Sheppard members in their decision to use candles in the home.

The United States has one of the highest fire death rates in the industrialized world. In 1998, the U.S. fire death rate was 14.9 deaths per million population. Between 1994

and 1998, an average of 4,400 Americans lost their lives and another 25,100 were injured annually as the result of fire. Each year, fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined. There were a reported 11,600 home candle fires, which caused 156 civilian deaths, 1,202 civilian injuries, and more than \$171 million in direct property damage. If only people would have followed the few safety precautions listed below, this may not have happened.

Burning precautions

For those who will be burning candles, here are some safety tips that will be helpful in the purchasing and placing of candles.

- Burn candles inside a 1-foot circle of safety, free of anything that can burn.

- Extinguish candles after use.

- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets. Keep all matches and lighters out of children's reach.

- Use a sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic candle holder.

- Never place candle on a flammable/combustible surface.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.

For more information or answers to questions, contact the Fire Prevention Office at, 6-2310/2104/ 5735/ 4131.



Countdown to the ORI: Team Sheppard should prepare now

Starting today, Team Sheppard members should already be preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection. The wing inspector general office has provided a 22-week checklist as a guide for members to follow as the ORI approaches. Beginning with week 22, which was Feb. 11-15, there are things everyone can do so that they aren't waiting until the last minute to prepare.

Week 22

Checklists: Go through the current locally supplemented AETC IG checklists (applicable SIIs and CIIs) with a fine tooth comb. Be sure members can discuss all areas covered by these checklists and know the regulations/instructions identified in them.

Check to see if they left anything out—if so, add it to your list!!! If these left out items also cover other flights/offices on base, send the new checklist item to the 82 TRW/IGI so that it can be added to all applicable checklists.

Week 21, Feb. 18-22

Important AETC inspection information: Review the AETC IG's Findings and Observations for the areas that apply to the unit's programs and practice answering questions about the unit program (have a co-worker or supervisor ask questions and give feedback). Ensure each member has current, accurate and meaningful information to support their answers. *(Courtesy of the base inspector general office)*

Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club offers college scholarships to military family members

The Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club is offering several merit-based scholarships.

Those eligible include U.S. and NATO military spouses and U.S. military dependents of active duty, retired or deceased officers or enlisted members, who are high school seniors graduating from local-area public, private, or home schools.

The \$1500 scholarships can be used for the purpose of continuing education in college, junior college, or

vocational school.

Applications will be available by March 15 and can be obtained at local area high schools, from the base education office, or from the base family support center. All application packages must be postmarked by April 30.

For more information, visit the family support center. High school students can also see their guidance counselor for scholarship information. *(Courtesy of the Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club)*

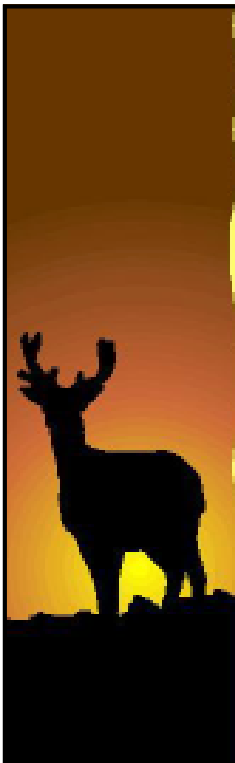
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**Doors open 5:30 p.m.
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Views: History proves that every job is significant

By Tech. Sgt. Timothy Carney

365th Training Squadron

Have you ever asked yourself the question “What possible impact can doing my job have on the big scheme of things? I’m only one person—how can the job I’m doing possibly change anything?”

Whether or not you have, it is indeed possible for one person to make a difference—or to change history.

It was a late summer day in September of 1777. The fledgling United States of America was in the second year of its war for independence against Great Britain.

British Gen. Sir William Howe and his 12,500-man army were heading for Philadelphia to capture and occupy it. In their path stood 11,000 men of the American Continental Army. What was to follow would come to be known as the Battle of Brandywine.

Assigned to the British forces was an officer named Maj. Patrick Ferguson.

Maj. Ferguson, a skilled marksman, commanded a rifle company, which was tasked with the responsibility of picking off enemy troops at long-range.

As the battle raged, Maj. Ferguson was searching for targets of opportunity from a well-concealed position.

Approximately 150 yards away, he observed a group of American officers. He took careful aim and placed his sights on one of them.

As he began to squeeze

the trigger, he suddenly stopped. Something about this officer struck him as being unusually grand in his appearance and conduct.

Maj. Ferguson dismissed the idea from his head, again took careful aim, and prepared to fire. But something prevented him from taking this man’s life.

Later on he wrote that

the idea of shooting in the back someone coolly performing his duty disgusted him.

The intended target moved on, and Maj. Ferguson rejoined his unit.

It wasn’t until several days later that Maj. Ferguson, while discussing the battle, learned who his intended target was. The

American officer whose unusual grandeur had impressed him so was none other than Gen. George Washington, the American commander.

Had Maj. Ferguson followed through and performed one single solitary act, the United States of America that we know and serve today, may not have

come to exist.

“I’m only one person—how can the job I’m doing possibly change anything?” Think about it the next time you ask yourself that question. The performance of a single act, or lack of one, may influence more than you can possibly imagine.

Club members eligible to win Caribbean cruise

“AETC club members are going to win Caribbean cruises,” announced Bob Carlberg, Air Education and Training Command Services chief of programs. “The Air Education and Training Command appreciate people who are club members. We have arranged a series of prizes to be awarded before Valentines Day. At the end of February, two lucky AETC club members will win Caribbean cruises to share with that special person in their heart.” The Cupid’s Caribbean Cruise program will run in AETC clubs until Feb. 28.

Sheppard’s officers and enlisted club members will have a chance to win a weekly \$100 cash giveaway. All enlisted club members can now

enjoy lunch specials and take advantage of the weekly cash giveaway. Officers club members can also reap the benefits of a good lunch and a chance to win the weekly cash giveaway.

John Hanna, AETC Services Business Branch, said, “The Cupid’s Caribbean Cruise program thanks our current club members for their loyalty by offering them a chance to win one of several weekly prizes during February and a Caribbean Cruise as the grand prize.”

Hanna emphasized each base will have weekly prizes to award and base finalists will have a chance to win one of the two grand prizes, seven-day Caribbean cruises.

“Current AETC club mem-



bers will receive a entry form at any club food operation cashier with a purchase of over \$2.” Hanna explained. “The club member completes the entry form and returns it with their cash register receipt.”

AETC club members do not have to make a purchase to obtain an entry form. A club member may prepare a color sketch of the Air Force club logo off their club bill and present the sketch to the cashier. They will receive one entry form per day

for each original color logo sketch they bring in.

Those interested in the prizes should stop by their club for more information about the Cupid’s Caribbean Cruise program. *(Courtesy of the 82nd Services Division)*

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got the call from AETC on Jan. 31 and were headed to Vance by 8 a.m. the next day.

Tech. Sgt. Garey Bickham, Staff Sgt. Daniel Trevino, Senior Airman Rodney Delhey, Senior Airman Jamie Harkleroad, and civilians Bill Cruz, Doug Hill, and Phillip Pool, all from the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron, brought the generators to Vance. Hill, Cruz and Staff Sgt. Trevino stayed at Vance for four days to set up and operate the generators.

"It was no big deal," said Maj. Eric Yates, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Flight commander. "We were just helping our Air Force brothers and sisters and I'm sure they'd do the same for us. Our people were excited to go and help out."

The ice storm at Vance was not the only time this month that the 82nd CES has been called on to assist another base. Master Sgt. Thomas Schubbe, Staff Sgt. Jack Hutson and Airman Alvin Diosas traveled to Laughlin AFB, Texas, on Feb. 1 to respond to a Jan. 31 T-37 crash. The team brought equipment to survey the crash site, which provided valuable information to the Accident Investigation Board, which is there to determine the cause of the crash.

(Kent Cummins, 71st Flying Training Wing public affairs, 2nd Lt. Jason Bishop, 71st FTW public affairs, and Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton, 82nd Training Wing public affairs, contributed to this story..)

Aerobics classes

The AerobiCenter is located in the south fitness center and offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week.

Classes are offered as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m. The classes include low impact, intermediate to advance exercises, floor and step exercises, muscle sculpting and kickboxing. Call 6-2972 for more information.

Texas Rangers tickets

Texas Rangers baseball tickets are available through the information, tickets and tours office.

Some seats are available at regular price and others are available at almost 50 percent off the regular ticket price. Tickets may be bought for as little as \$8.25.

Softball tryouts

Spring softball season tryouts will run for two weeks beginning Monday at 6 p.m. at Field 4, which is located near Sheppard Elementary School.

The tryouts are open to all of Team Sheppard and will be held Monday-Thursday. Final cuts will be made March 1. The season will begin in the middle of March.

Those interested in playing should contact Rich Pier at 851-0288 or 6-5431, or George Amador at 767-3897 or 733-0621.

R & R: Return to fitness prescription program

Fitness programs are now available for adults over 50.

An instructor leads the class through a low intensity and low impact strength training session.

Some light aerobics may be involved. The classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the south fitness center. The south fitness center has free personal trainers and aerobics classes.

For more information, call 6-2972/7491.

Intramural basketball tournament

The South Fitness Center will host an intramural basketball tournament Monday through Thursday, starting at 5:30 p.m.

No entry fee is required. The championship game will be held on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Casey at 6-6754 6-6336.

Student intramural basketball tournament

The North Fitness Center will

host a student intramural basketball tournament Monday through Thursday, 6-7 p.m.

No entry fee is required. The championship game will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Casey at 6-6754 or 6-6336.

Night shoot

The base skeet range will hold a night shoot Feb. 23 at 4 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per person. The entry fee will cover the cost of targets. Interested people are welcome to sign up early or the day of the event. For more information, call 6-4141.

Bowl-a-thon

The Sheppard-Falls Chapter of the NCOA held a bowl-

a-thon recently.

High team honors went to the team of Michelle Dodge, John Hirst, Dave Hoose and Chuck Dodge from the 364th Training Squadron. Michelle Dodge had the top score in the female category with a total pin count of 594. In the men's category, Chuck Dodge took the honors with a 761 pin count.

Soccer clinic

The Madrigal Youth Center is conducting free soccer clinics for children ages five to ten Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the softball field next to the main football field.

The clinic slated for Monday was cancelled because it is a holiday.

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were trying to figure out exactly what we were going to do (in life).

“One of the things someone told me at the time was that you should have some heroes, somebody you aspire to be like or who has certain qualities you’d like to imitate,” he said. “In that particular setting, and I believe to this day, the people who were the first heroes to me were my teachers.”

The positive attitudes young people develop by emulating role models provide the foundation for success, Hopper said.

“Attitude is everything,” he said. “It sets the tone for what you do, how you appear and how other people perceive you. If your attitude is one of ‘can-do’ and you are willing to take on challenges and opportunities, that in itself is going to get you a long way.”

The right attitude combined with a commitment to education will create abundant opportunities, Hopper said.

“It’s hard to imagine when you’re somewhere between 14 and 18 what education can do for you,” he said. “The really important thing you’re learning now and will learn through the next series of educational challenges you face is that education, in and of itself, is an absolutely worthy goal.

“I hope you’re learning the process of learning is one that will be with you even after you’ve forgotten whatever your major was in high school or in college,” he said. “The process of learning more about the world you live in and what the world is going to be like in the next century is the important part of the educational process. Growing to have a love of learning will be critical to the development of our country and of your own personal lives.”

The world has changed dramatically in the past 100 years and the high school students of today will inherit the responsibility for running the nation in the century ahead, Hopper said.

“You’re lucky, because you’re much better prepared for that than generations were in the past, certainly than my generation,” he said. “You are the next generation of Americans, and, because of that,

we depend upon you a great deal. We’re very confident the future of our country will be in great hands.”

Minority students today still face prejudice and other obstacles,

Hopper said, but the progress of the past has created more chances for success for those who are willing to try.

For more information about the February observance of Black

History Month, visit the Department of Defense Web site at www.defenselink.mil/specials/africanhistory2002/.